GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:103
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2002
CRIME AGAINST WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite modifications in the penal law and procedure, including mode of trial of cases involving crime against women, the number of cases of rapes, kidnapping, molestation and murder of women in the National Capital Region and other States have been on the increase;

(b) if so, the number of such cases registered during 2002 till date and the preceding year, State-wise;

(c) whether any further amendments and modifications are proposed to be made to make the law and procedure more effective;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal to fix the accountability and responsibility of the police stations for the crimes committed in their jurisdiction; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 103 FOR 26.11.2002 REGARDING CRIME AGAINST WOMEN

(a) The figures of rape, kidnapping, molestation and dowry deaths of women in National Capital Territory of Delhi and in the country during the years 1999, 2000 and 2001 are as follows:-

Year/Crime	1999		2000		2001	
	All India	Delhi	All India	Delhi	All India	Delhi
Rape	15468	402	16496	435	15264	320
Kidnapping & Abduction	15962	986	15023	998	14591	969
Molestation	32311	588	32940	549	32681	499
Dowry Death	6699	122	6995	125	6552	122

It will appear from the above figures that there is a declining trend in these crimes against women in the year 2001 as compared to the preceding year.

(b) The figures for the year 2002 for these crimes against women are available from all the states only upto June. State-wise statements are at Annexure `A` and `B`.

(c)&(d): The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill-1994 introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 9th May, 1994 has, inter alia, the following proposals in respect of women:

(i) A new sub-section (4) is proposed to be added to section 46 to prohibit arrest of a woman after sunset and before sunrise except in unavoidable circumstances.

(ii) Section 176 is proposed to be amended to provide, inter alia, that in case of rape of a woman while in custody of the police, there shall be mandatory judicial inquiry.

The Government has also set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. (Justice) V.S. Malimath, former Chief Justice of Kerala and Karnataka High Courts to consider measures to revamp Criminal Justice System of the country.The Committee has the mandate to review the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

(e)&(f): `Public Order` and `Police` are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Under the law, police stations are responsible and accountable for controlling crime in their jurisdictions. Besides, the Government of India have issued guidelines to the State Governments, from time to time, to make concerted efforts to improving the administration of criminal justice system and take such measures as are necessary for the prevention and detection of crimes against the women.

ANNEXURE-A

INCIDENCE OF RAPE, KIDNAPPING & ABDUCTION, MOLESTATION AND DOWRY DEATHS DURING 1999, 2000 AND 2001

SL.	STATE/UT	RAPE	PERCENTAGE VARIATION	KIDNNAPPING	PERCENTAGE VARIATION	MOLESTATION	PERCENTAGE VARIATION	DOWRY DEATHS	PERCENTAGE VARIATION

NO.		IN 2000 IN 2001 OVER`99 OVER 2000		& ABDUCTION IN 2000 IN 2001 OVER`99 OVER 2000		IN 2000 IN 2001 OVER`99 OVER 2000		IN 2000 IN 2001 OVER`99 OVER 2000	
	1999 2000 2001	1999 2000 2001		1999 2000 2001		1999 2000 2001		1999 2000 2001	
1	ANDHRA PRADESH 895	944	847 5.5 -10.3	708	716	747 1.1 4.3	3238	3231	3338 -0.2 3.3
2	ARUNACHAL PRA. 39	36	33 -7.7 -8.3	40	42	32 5.0 -23.8	65	53	48 -18.5 -9.4
3	ASSAM 703	762	775 8.4 1.7	1149	1101	785 -4.2 -28.7	720	777	339 7.9 -56.4
4	BIHAR 1447	1570	687 8.5 -56.2	939	700	488 -25.5 -30.3	547	456	325 -16.6 -28.7
5	CHHATISGARH 18	21	889 16.7 ####	7	7	190 0.0 2614.3	26	20	1664 -23.1 8220.0
6	GOA NE NE 12	- -	NE NE 6	- -	NE NE 19	- -	NE NE 2	- -	
7	GUJARAT 331	330	239 -0.3 -27.6	1074	868	718 -19.2 -17.3	1083	944	764 -12.8 -19.1
8	HARYANA 372	421	345 13.2 -18.1	350	299	343 -14.6 14.7	553	605	461 9.4 -23.8
9	HIMACHAL PRA. 109	129	115 18.3 -10.9	89	95	111 6.7 16.8	297	288	303 -3.0 5.2
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR 170	183	169 7.6 -7.7	473	566	494 19.7 -12.7	507	480	622 -5.3 29.6
11	JHARKHAND NE NE 666	- -	NE NE 0	- -	NE NE 0	- -	NE NE 0	- -	
12	KARNATAKA 301	281	293 -6.6 4.3	320	323	275 0.9 -14.9	1501	1568	1665 4.5 6.2
13	KERALA 423	552	542 30.5 -1.8	123	89	113 -27.6 27.0	1643	1695	2043 3.2 20.5
14	MADHYA PRADESH 3561	3737	2724 4.9 -27.1	942	869	737 -7.7 -15.2	8054	8516	7361 5.7 -13.6
15	MAHARASHTRA 1320	1310	1239 -0.8 -5.4	727	662	861 -8.9 30.1	2766	2805	2820 1.4 0.5
16	MANIPUR 12	8	20 -33.3 150.0	38	44	72 15.8 63.6	13	18	35 38.5 94.4
17	MEGHALAYA 27	35	30 29.6 -14.3	10	13	11 30.0 -15.4	17	8	26 -52.9 225.0
18	MIZORAM 71	58	44 -18.3 -24.1	0	3	3 - 0.0	74	70	44 -5.4 -37.1
19	NAGALAND 11	14	16 27.3 14.3	5	4	0 -20.0 -100.0	3	2	0 -33.3 -100.0
20	ORISSA 820	747	742 -8.9 -0.7	431	359	404 -16.7 12.5	1494	1658	1562 11.0 -5.8
21	PUNJAB 282	334	282 18.4 -15.6	280	292	403 4.3 38.0	198	340	321 71.7 -5.6
22	RAJASTHAN 1198	1242	1049 3.7 -15.5	2652	2550	2155 -3.8 -15.5	3109	3092	2878 -0.5 -6.9
23	SIKKIM 7 6	7 -14.3 16.7	0	1	7 - 600.0	21	0	19 #### -	0
24	TAMIL NADU 430	538	393 25.1 -27.0	1000	805	677 -19.5 -15.9	1959	1948	1571 -0.6 -19.4
25	TRIPURA 72	86	102 19.4 18.6	27	40	35 48.1 -12.5	71	59	58 -16.9 -1.7
26	UTTRANCHAL NE NE 49	- -	NE NE 125	- -	NE NE 67	- -	NE NE 39	- -	
27	UTTAR PRADESH 1593	1865	1893 17.1 1.5	2746	2755	3090 0.3 12.2	2481	2607	2819 5.1 8.1
28	WEST BENGAL 819	814	707 -0.6 -13.1	804	749	685 -6.8 -8.5	1200	1057	932 -11.9 -11.8
	TOTAL (STATES) 15031	16023	14909 6.6 -7.0	14934	13952	13567 -6.6 -2.8	31640	32297	32104 2.1 -0.6
29	A&N ISLANDS 6	5	3 -16.7 -40.0	2	3	2 50.0 -33.3	13	23	19 76.9 -17.4
30	CHANDIGARH 16	23	18 43.8 -21.7	36	52	46 44.4 -11.5	26	34	21 30.8 -38.2
31	D&N HAVELI 3	3	6 0.0 100.0	0	7	0 - -100.0	8	4	2 -50.0 -50.0
32	DAMAN & DIU 4	1	0 -75.0 -100.0	2	3	3 50.0 0.0	0	0	0 - -
33	DELHI 402	435	320 8.2 -26.4	986	998	969 1.2 -2.9	588	549	499 -6.6 -9.1
34	LAKSHADWEEP 0	1	0 - -100.0	0	0	- - 0	0	0	- - 0
35	PONDICHERRY 6	5	8 -16.7 60.0	2	8	4 300.0 -50.0	36	33	36 -8.3 9.1
	TOTAL (UTs) 437	473	355 8.2 -24.9	1028	1071	1024 4.2 -4.4	671	643	577 -4.2 -10.3
	TOTAL (ALL-INDIA) 15468	16496	15264 6.6 -7.5	15962	15023	14591 -5.9 -2.9	32311	32940	32681 1.9 -0.8

SOURCE : 1999 AND 2000 CRIME IN INDIA AND 2001 MONTHLY CRIME STATISTICS.

NOTE : FIGURES FOR 2001 ARE PROVISIONAL.

ANNEXURE-B

INCIDENCE OF CRIME COMMITTED AGAINST WOMEN DURING JANUARY - JUNE, 2002

SL. NO.	STATE/UT	RAPE	KIDNAP- & ABD- UCTION	DOWRY DEATH	MOLES- TATION
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	510	493	327	1807
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	18	20	0	21
3	ASSAM	410	458	18	229
4	BIHAR	388	308	411	170
5	GOA	6	1	0	11
6	CHHATISGARH	511	126	35	778
7	GUJARAT	118	372	42	343
8	HARYANA	168	169	130	210
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	63	67	5	144
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	98	281	2	340
11	JHARKHAND	317	130	124	110
12	KARNATAKA	148	210	141	813
13	KERALA	236	57	9	1083
14	MADHYA PRADESH	1102	323	230	2906
15	MAHARASHTRA	635	441	156	1342
16	MANIPUR	5	38	0	27
17	MEGHALAYA	19	3	0	11
18	MIZORAM	34	1	0	27
19	NAGALAND	7	0	0	0
20	ORISSA	307	212	144	806

21	PUNJAB	122	240	102	151
22	RAJASTHAN	530	1105	245	1332
23	SIKKIM	2	2	0	10
24	TAMIL NADU	265	387	101	859
25	TRIPURA	54	23	7	65
26	UTTRANCHAL	27	65	24	47
27	UTTAR PRADESH	826	1476	1033	1160
28	WEST BENGAL	373	369	141	458
	TOTAL (STATES)	7299	7377	3427	15260
29	A & N ISLANDS	1	1	0	2
30	CHANDIGARH	7	27	1	21
31	D & N HAVELI	2	0	0	0
32	DAMAN & DIU	0	1	0	0
33	DELHI	170	496	62	193
34	LAKSHADWEEP	1	0	0	0
35	PONDICHERRY	3	0	4	32
	TOTAL (UTS)	184	525	67	248
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	7483	7902	3494	15508

SOURCE: MONTHLY CRIME STATISTICS

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